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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence
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FROM: [REDACTED]
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SUBJECT: Senate Arms Control Observers Group (U)

1. This memorandum is for your information. (U)

2. I participated this morning in a session with the Senate Arms Control Observers Group. Commissioner Richard Ellis (former SAC Commander) participated with me. The session consisted of two parts:

- An intelligence briefing, lasting about thirty minutes, in which I presented the intelligence on [REDACTED] major compliance questions, as well as an overview of Soviet thoughts on arms control compliance. (This latter point is based on the SOVA typescript memorandum.).
- A discussion by Commissioner Ellis about the activities of the Standing Consultative Commission (SCC) in Geneva. The Commission meets twice a year and is the one formal arena where the US and USSR can discuss ambiguous situations, including violations.

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The Senators in attendance were: Stevens, Nunn, Byrd, Kennedy, Warner, Nichols, Gore, and Pell. Three staff officers were in attendance: Punaro, Ashworth, and Bell. The intelligence portions of both presentations was straightforward, using the material which is the basis for the President's report to the Congress on compliance. [REDACTED]

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3. During Commissioner Ellis' session, a number of Senators asked me what they clearly knew to be policy questions. In most cases, I answered the intelligence portion of their question. With respect to the policy questions, I expressed a view part of the time and when I did so, I made it clear that it was my personal opinion, as opposed to a view of the Intelligence Community or the DCI. Senator Nunn particularly said he was thankful for my candor and clearly indicated that he understood the differences between my intelligence

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briefing and my personal views. One of the personal views I gave of a policy nature, for example, was that the SCC arguably was a good idea for the US because:

-- It gave us an opportunity to get from the Soviets their official view about compliance questions.

-- The SCC also gave the US the opportunity to tell the Soviets officially the US Government's view about compliance questions; I said that there is no other mechanism in existence which allows the US to do so in as non-political way as possible. (S/NF)

4. If there is anything more I can do to assist you here, please call and let me know. (U)



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